

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 1, at line 24 as shown below:

In carrying out the above object, the vehicle seat latch assembly of the invention secures and selectively releases a member of a vehicle seat with respect to a member of a vehicle body and includes an attachment bracket that is attachable to one of the members. A latch of the latch assembly is mounted on the attachment bracket for movement between: (a) a latched position where the latch captures a striker mounted on the other member to secure the vehicle seat with respect to the vehicle body; and (b) an unlatched position where the striker is released from the latch so the vehicle seat can be moved with respect to the vehicle body. A latching wedge of the latch assembly is mounted on the latch for movement therewith and for ~~translational~~ movement with respect thereto, and the latching wedge has a wedge surface for contacting the striker when the latch is in its latching position. A resilient bias of the latch assembly biases the wedge surface of the latching wedge into wedging contact with the striker with the latch in its latching position to provide a rattle free attachment of the seat to the vehicle body.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 2, at line 13 as shown below:

The latch of the latch assembly has a pivotal connection for mounting thereof on the attachment bracket for pivotal movement between its latched and unlatched positions. The resilient bias is provided by a spring that extends around this pivotal connection of the latch and has a first arm that extends to the latch and also has a second arm that extends to the latching wedge to provide the biasing of the wedge surface of the latching wedge into the wedging contact with the striker. Furthermore, the latch and latching wedge include a pin and slot connection and a projection that cooperate to mount the latching wedge on the latch for ~~translational~~ movement with respect to the latch.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 5, at line 26 as shown below:

As best shown in Figure 4, the latch assembly 24 also includes a latching wedge 48 that is mounted on the latch 40 for movement therewith and is also mounted for ~~translational~~ movement with respect to the latch as illustrated by arrows 50. The latching wedge 48 has a wedging surface 52 for contacting the striker 29 when the latch 40 is in its latching position. A resilient bias 54 biases the latching wedge 48 toward the left as illustrated in Figure 4 so that its wedging surface 52 is moved into wedging contact with the striker 29 with the latch in its latching position to provide a rattle free attachment of the seat to the vehicle body. With this construction, the rattle free attachment is insured throughout the useful lifetime of the latch.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 6, at line 13 as shown below:

As also shown in Figures 4 and 5, the resilient bias 54 is constructed as a spring 58 that extends around the pivotal connection 56 of the latch 40 and has a first arm 60 that extends to the latch at a projection 62 thereof. This spring 54 also has a second arm 64 that extends to the latching wedge 48 at a projection 66 of the latching wedge. The spring arms 60 and 64 are biased away from each other to increase the acute angle therebetween as illustrated in Figure 4 so that the latching wedge 48 is biased toward the left into the wedging contact with the striker 29 so as to provide the rattle free attachment as previously described. The latch 40 and latching wedge 48 include a pin and slot connection 68 and a projection 66 to cooperate in mounting the latching wedge 48 for its ~~translational~~ movement with respect to the latch 40. The pin and slot connection 68 thus limits the extent of the ~~translational~~ movement as the pin reaches the opposite ends of the slot.